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Attached is a description of WJW Television news programming addressing the key concerns and issues of this community during the period of July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

During the third quarter of 2007 the following issues were addressed by WJW.

- Local Economy
- Flooding/Weather
- Local/National Auto Workers Strike
- Crime
- Local Suburb Budget Problem
- Sports Venue Plumbing Problem

A list of Public Service Announcements is also attached.

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## LOCAL ECONOMY

### Issue: Sales Tax / Med Mart

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Right now the sales tax in Cuyahoga County is 7.5%. The question is would you be willing to pay more if it would boost the city's financial future?

That's the question the County commissioners are asking at this public meeting going on right now at the Cleveland Public Library. The county would like to partner with a Chicago-based company to create a medical mart, a showplace full of healthcare products. But the medical mart depends entirely on a new convention center. In order to raise the \$400 million needed to build it, the county wants to raise the sale tax by a quarter percent. Some believe that's too high a price to pay while others feel it's the shot in the arm the city needs.

Cleveland's convention center is at 10% capacity. Supporters of this medical mart believe getting a piece of that convention pie would be a huge money maker for the city and the region.

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There is a plan to re-invent Cleveland, but are you willing to pay the price? The plan is to capitalize on the world class healthcare we have and use it to create a booming convention industry here. The catch is your sales tax would go up to make it happen.

Metrohealth Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic are building new operating rooms, while the areas manufacturing industries are declining. Some demonstrators think its time to re-invent Cleveland into a town that showcases what we do best.

Chris Kennedy, Merchandise Mart Properties, says the whole city needs a little bit of revitalization. Convention centers by themselves are not the answer, but Kennedy believes they can make Cleveland a world renowned destination by focusing on medicine with a medical mart. In doing this we can create an economic engine that will revitalize Cleveland, change its reputation, re-brand its image, and support its rebirth

County commissioners want to pay for the new center by increasing sales tax one-quarter of one-percent. This is something they can do without going to the voters. In a public hearing on Thursday some voters expressed concern. Opponents hope to collect 48,000 signatures to get it on a ballot, but they will have only 30 days to do this. It is a big task and it would be much easier if the commissioners would do us the favor of putting this on the ballot.

Are you willing to pay more in sales tax to potentially better Cleveland? Vote in our online poll at [myfoxcleveland.com](http://myfoxcleveland.com).

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Cuyahoga County leaders are backing a new plan to develop a medical mart in downtown Cleveland. It would likely require a small sales tax increase to pay for the development. Chairman of the Greater Cleveland Partnership Fred Nance joins us live this morning to talk about the impact the medical mart would have on Northeast Ohio. The next medical mart public hearing will be Thursday at 11am. It will be at the Cleveland Public Library's Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium at 525 Superior Avenue.

News July 26, 2007 Noon TRT 1:30 Local  
 In a matter of hours we could know if Cleveland is getting a medical mart. Cuyahoga County Commissioners are voting at this hour to approve a quarter percent sales tax hike to pay for a new convention center. First the commissioners held a hearing inside this library and then they took the vote to raise the sales tax. If the vote is approved, the sales tax increase could take effect as early as October 1.

The tax hike will increase to 7.5% and would be limited to 20 years. The project would include a medical mart and a convention center, which would provide a permanent space to display and sell medical equipment and supplies. Supporters of the medical mart say it would bring jobs and boost the local economy. Backers say the money will be used solely for the convention center and will not be used for any other county projects. Even though the tax hike was approved by the commissioners, voters may still get a chance to get their say. A number of City Council members and other local politicians are trying to put this issue on the ballot.

News July 26, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:24 Local  
 Two of the three county commissioners made the decision for us today to raise Cuyahoga County sales tax by a quarter percent. Even though most everyone believes it was for a good cause, many are upset over the process. Ideally this tax increase takes Cleveland's world class hospitals and our local medical expertise and uses it to energize and re-invent the city.

Chris Kennedy of Chicago's Merchandise Mart Properties believes it could draw visitors to as many as 50 trade shows and conventions here every year. Kennedy believes this is a rare and unique opportunity to compete with other cities.

Voting no on the tax increase was Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones. Some believe delaying the project for a vote means losing another good opportunity. Other developers will take that idea and use subsidies available on the federal state or local level and take that idea to places like New Orleans or Orlando or Boston or New York or Atlanta cities. If commissioners agreed to take it to the voters today we could have seen it on the ballot in November, but now if the effort is successful voters may not see it until March.

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News July 31, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:25 Local  
 A voter group is organizing a challenge to Cuyahoga County's latest sales tax hike. Members of "Put it on the ballot.com" set up shop at Edgewater Park this evening. The group wants voters to have a voice in whether the county should fund a new convention center with a quarter-percent sales tax hike. To get the referendum measure on the ballot, the group must collect 48,000 signatures before Friday, August 24.

News August 8, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:20 Local  
 The group wanting to put Cuyahoga County's proposed sales tax increase put on the ballot says they're making real progress. Organizers of the "Put it on the ballot" drive met on the steps of Cleveland City Hall. They already have 10,000 of the required 48,000 signatures. Volunteers say they will be circulating the petitions at Saturday's Browns' game.

News August 14, 2007 10:00PM TRT 1:37 Local  
 Fox-8's Belinda Prinz went to Chicago to see what the trade center is all about. On the banks of the Chicago River, the Merchandise Mart is the world's largest trade center. The mart combines permanent showrooms with temporary exhibits and conferencing facilities. Owners of Merchandise Mart Properties propose partnering with Cleveland developers. A new state of the art convention center would complement the exhibit hall, along the lines of Festival Hall at Chicago's navy pier. Attorney Fred Nance with the Cleveland Partnership joined the tour. Based on what they saw of the Chicago facility, Cleveland civic leaders are excited about the possibilities.

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News August 16, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:25 Local  
 Today dozens of mayors threw their support behind a proposed medical mart. Last month Cuyahoga County commissioners voted to raise the sales tax by a quarter of one percent. The money raised would build a new convention center and a medical mart.

More than a dozen Cuyahoga County mayors attended a news conference this morning to publicly embrace the idea. 40 of the county's 59 mayors support the plan. A medical mart, similar to the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, would provide space for permanent showroom displays to sell medical equipment and supplies. A new convention center would also be built downtown, all of it bringing new jobs and a boost to Cleveland's economy.

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News August 25, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:10 Local  
 They tried to stop a medical mart from coming to Cleveland but in the end grassroots organizers came up short. Now a tax increase will go forward to fund the project. Today was the deadline and the opponents to the tax increase didn't get the required number of signatures. Starting October 1 taxpayers will now pay 25 cents for every \$100 purchase.

Cleveland City Councilman Zack Reed says he'll support the medical mart, but he also wants to make sure county leaders follow through with what they promised. Lots of questions remain. The companies and contractors have not formally committed to building in Cleveland. Commissioners still haven't decided where the medical mart will be built or how much it will cost. One thing we do know is this sales tax lasts for 20 years.

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 Thirteen sites are being considered for a new medical mart and convention center. Fred Nance, of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, says a committee will recommend one of those sites to county commissioners, by the end of the year. Three other committees will focus on attracting businesses and involving minority business. They'll also work with educational institutions to make sure people are trained for the jobs that are created.

In Northeast Ohio we've lost approximately 4% of our jobs from 2000 to 2005. Health care in that same time period in NE Ohio grew by 39%. Fred Nance says the medical mart can help brand Cleveland as the health care capital of the nation.

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News September 30, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:05 Local  
 Starting tomorrow you'll be paying more to shop in Cuyahoga County. A sales tax goes into effect, but will it really make a difference when it comes to your shopping habits? Today we talked to store owners and shoppers. Both groups say they understand why the tax is needed, but what they can't understand is why they're paying for something that hasn't yet been signed into ink.

The sales tax will increase from 7.5% to 7.75%. In an effort to lure a medical mart to downtown Cleveland, county commissioners voted two to one to raise the sales tax to pay for a convention center. While everyday purchases may not put a big dent in your wallet, consumers like Stan Clik say his shopping habits may take a different direction. He'll go to a different county to buy the bigger items.

Still no word on where the medical mart is going, how much it will cost, or how many jobs it would bring.

#### **Issue: Foreclosure**

Homeowners are finding it more difficult to keep their homes in Cuyahoga County. It tops the state in foreclosures this year. The number could top 17,000 homes. That would be about 25% higher than last year. Ohio's foreclosure rate alone is three times the national average. Experts blame the slow economy along with sub-prime mortgage failures and predatory lending. Ohio has been above the national average in foreclosures since the end of 1998.

News July 17, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:58 Local  
 Reversing Cleveland's poverty is a big job that a presidential candidate vows to take on. Senator John Edwards addressed Cleveland's designation as the nation's poorest big city and left offering some ideas to turn things around.

In this one block alone in Cleveland's Mt. Pleasant neighborhood more than 30 homes are said to be in foreclosure. Glenn Curry worries that he is about to lose his house. Curry shared his story with Presidential Candidate John Edwards during a tour past some of the community's boarded homes.

Cleveland is one of several campaign stops during which the Democrat hopes to draw attention to poverty issues, including predatory lending. John Edwards says we need a national predatory lending law, not a state predatory lending law, not a local predatory lending law, but an aggressive predatory lending law.

But residents say poverty is not a simple matter to fix. Edwards says he understands. The question is whether people here believe he feels their pain. To deal with poverty is going to require us to do a lot of different things, not one thing. Edwards also answered the question today about protecting those manufacturing jobs we seem to be losing by the hundreds here.

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News July 18, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:00 Local  
 Cuyahoga County had 3500 in 1995. Today it is nearly four times that number. Some community leaders hope education can make a difference. Cuyahoga County has one of the worst foreclosure rates in the country, and the numbers are staggering. It's the main reason why the Shaker Square Area Development Corporation and other community housing groups got together. The goal is to help educate people on how to prevent foreclosures.

This map shows Slavic Village. Every red dot represents a foreclosure with more than 2,000 just in the past 20 months. Weisman feels for some reason it happens to be a neighborhood where unscrupulous people seem to center their activities. Those activities have had a devastating impact on the local community.

Foreclosures impact property value everywhere not just here in Slavic Village. Jim Rokakis, Cuyahoga County Treasurer, says no one is immune. For help with foreclosures, including a hotline number you can call, go to our website, myfoxcleveland.com and click on business.

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Lawmakers in Washington are looking for ways to protect people from predatory lenders. A Cleveland councilman and Cuyahoga County's treasurer were among those to testify before Senator Sherrod Brown's committee. Jim Rokakis, Cuyahoga County Treasurer said the foreclosure problem is not confined to inner cities. Suburbs are feeling it too. The goal is to crack down on abusive lenders, not all sub-prime lenders.

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Homes just aren't selling and that could mean a great deal for you. Here in Cleveland, there are numerous homes like this one on East 80th Street that will be up for sale in a special auction this Saturday, but there are also some great deals in other local cities as well. Dan Keltner, RE/MAX Real Estate Agent helped organized this weekend's auction which is run by a company out of Texas called Hudson and Marshall. More than 150 Cleveland area homes will be up for bid on Saturday. If you don't like the auction process, you can actually bid online right now.

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Ohio's Home Foreclosure Task Force prepares recommendations on how the governor can handle an explosion of defaulting mortgages here that have rocked Wall Street and the global markets. As we've been saying in Cleveland for years, this is bigger than you think and now it's national and international. The effect of Ohio's home foreclosure problem is vacant property on the scale of a natural disaster, according to this task force. They recommend a \$50 million state fund to revitalize the decaying neighborhoods.

The plan to add life to Ohio's future calls for subtracting many empty homes. A lot of these homes won't be remodeled. They have to be demolished. This crisis has forced us to deal with the problem and put functional obsolescence of property on the front burner. Changes to state law are also recommended to make city control of all the empty land easier.

To keep as many people as possible in their homes the Foreclosure Task Force recommends a change in federal tax law. They're pushing a plan Senator George Voinovich has introduced in congress. The proposal would make mortgage adjustments tied to lower property values tax free. Right now when a lender cuts the mortgage value, homeowners owe the IRS a big bill and they're no better off.

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Cuyahoga County Treasurer Jim Rokakis has some harsh words for Wall Street concerning the growing foreclosure problem. Rokakis says the problem has been brewing since 2001. For years, Cuyahoga County experienced some of the highest foreclosure rates. Now the problem is bigger than just the city or the state. It's causing problems both nationally and internationally.

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We have a warning about companies that promise to save your home from foreclosure. Consumer advocates say they are often scams. This couple does not want to be identified, but they want to prevent what happened to them from happening to anyone else. After years of making mortgage payments on their East Cleveland home, they ran into financial difficulty. The couple missed a few payments and weren't able to negotiate a payment plan with their lender.

This company came to them and said, ok, we can help stop this foreclosure. We can help rebuild your credit. The couple paid \$950 to a company called Financial Protection Industries which has an unsatisfactory record with the Better Business Bureau.

The homeowner says "Every time you would call the company, no matter what time of the night or day, you never got a real person. You got this voicemail." Months went by with no results and the couple got suspicious, especially when they were asked to pay a \$1000 more. They didn't, but it's still too late. The home is still in foreclosure. It's going up for sheriff's sale soon.

David Weiss, Better Business Bureau President, advises "Be very leery of anybody who approaches you, asking you for money to help you save your home. There are organizations that will do it for no charge." You can find much more information on mortgage foreclosure scams and how to avoid them at [MyfoxCleveland.com](http://MyfoxCleveland.com).

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People are losing their homes to foreclosures way too often especially in Ohio. But there are ways to prevent it. Janice Jackson was seriously behind in her payments. An adjustable rate mortgage ballooned at the same time she faced a medical problem and loss of steady work. Then Janice contacted ESOP. It is one of several non profit agencies in Cleveland that work with lenders to help people save their homes. ESOP's success rate is 85% and its services are open to anyone in Cuyahoga County. Thanks to ESOP, Jackson won't have to worry about losing her Maple Heights home. The group got her lender to lower the mortgage rate from 12 to a fixed 5%.

Lenders may be more willing than you realize to find a solution. Another option is called a short sale. That's where a lender allows a borrower to sell the home for what it's worth. Remax real estate agent Ken Myers says they may then forgive the loan amount above appraised value. You don't have to face foreclosure alone. Government or social agencies can be a good source for help. For a foreclosure help hotline, go to [Myfoxcleveland.com](http://Myfoxcleveland.com) and click on business.

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As foreclosure rates soar in the suburbs, so do the calls for help. In response to our story the other day a foreclosure help agency got as many calls in a day as they normally get in a whole month. The scope of the mortgage meltdown shocks even those on the frontlines dealing with it.

The 211 telephone helpline is run by United Way. It refers callers to counseling agencies. These groups in turn can help troubled borrowers negotiate with specific lenders. Mark Wiseman Program Director advises "It's going to be harder to help someone who calls and says, gee, I have a sheriff's sale on Monday. Can you help us today and it's Friday. We tell people to call at every aspect of the problem because the counseling agencies are willing to help people really at any time." Mark Wiseman says "I tell people stay away from adjustable rate mortgages. If they can't tell you in writing it's a fixed rate for the entire period of the loan not just for two years you should walk away."

Cuyahoga County runs a foreclosure prevention office, another source of grants and advice. In many cases they've succeeded in helping people save their homes by renegotiating loans with mortgage holders and explaining options. The experts say these services are free. Don't be conned into paying for similar services. The 211 help line serves residents in Cuyahoga, Geauga and Medina counties. We've got other useful links through our website.

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News August 30, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:15 Local  
 A community group accuses a local company of killing the American dream with unfair lending practices. The fair housing group targeted a former subsidiary of National City Corporation. Even though the company no longer owns the mortgage company in question, the group believes it should still help homeowners impacted by it.

Members of Associations for Community Reform Now or ACORN sought to draw attention to the ongoing problem of predatory lending which too often leads to foreclosures. Up until late last year, National City bank owned First Franklin Mortgage, a company ACORN says has engaged in unfair loan practices. A lot of these people thought they were getting fixed rates and they ended up with adjustable rates so they thought they were only paying a couple hundred dollars a month forever. It turned out in a couple of years they're paying \$800, \$900 a month which is well beyond what their income allows them to pay. National City officials say foreclosure is always a last resort.

In a statement to Fox 8, officials said the company "is committed to working with borrowers who are having difficulty making payments with every intention of helping them avoid foreclosure." Demonstrators also held pictures of blighted properties they say the bank now owns and is not maintaining. National City officials say from January to June it owned 37 foreclosed properties and that they are monitored and maintained.

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News August 31, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:49 FOX  
 With a growing number of foreclosures, so many Americans are looking for mortgage relief. Will President Bush help them get it? Speaking from the rose garden of the White House, the president presented his plan to help Americans keep their own homes. This is his first public step to address the skyrocketing number of defaults on sub prime mortgages given to less credit worthy borrowers.

Bush is proposing an administrative change to allow the Federal Housing Authority to guarantee loans for borrowers who are at least 90 days behind in mortgage payments. Congress would have to sign off on two of the president's other proposals. One would raise the ceiling on the amount of a loan the FHA will insure so more people can qualify. The other would temporarily suspend a tax provision that has left some troubled homeowners with large tax bills.

News September 13, 2007 10:00PM TRT 3:10 Local  
 It was a slick way to make a lot of money, but tonight Cuyahoga County prosecutors say they have exposed a scam involving mortgage fraud. It's happening in some of the priciest neighborhoods in our area. The investigation began when residents complained about the condition of properties in their neighborhood. It led authorities to a trail paved with money and deceit.

This home in Solon was built for \$725,000, but neighbors noticed that the so-called owner never moved into the dream home. Neighbors complained to Solon City Hall when they began to notice that the home on Winston Lane and a number of other expensive new properties in Solon were not being kept up to Solon standards. Police followed the trail of the owners and discovered they were so-called straw buyers who were recruited by fly-by-night mortgage companies to secure loans for homes they are not capable of paying for.

Lt. Chris Viland, Solon Police: "They give that person a set amount of money, anywhere from \$1500 to up \$20,000. Their name and their credit rating are used for the transaction and they become the deeded owner of the property. However often times they never see the property, never step foot on the property and in some cases they wouldn't know where it is if you asked them." The players in the mortgage scam make sure that the purchase agreements include an excess of cash, in some cases up to \$180,000. At the time of closing when the funds are dispersed, when the transaction is completed, it's those funds which are siphoned off by the bad guys and split up amongst themselves.

Bill Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, announces the indictment of a total of 26 individuals and mortgage companies for their roles in the mortgage fraud scheme. We wanted to know why banks would grant such huge loans without doing their homework.

Chris Viland, Solon Police: "The loan products they were selling, long income loans etc. and so on, just didn't require the type of due diligence that traditional financing requires." Investigators say a Cleveland man was able to get an \$850,000 loan to buy this home in Solon. He claimed that he was a highly paid engineer. It turns out he was a taxi driver. The cabbie and the owner of an engineering company who falsely verified his employment have now been indicted on charges of theft and forgery. Neighbors are fuming about how the scam has changed the landscape of their neighborhood and the fabric of their city.

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The head of a Chicago based consumer group came to Cleveland today. He says our city is ground zero in the home foreclosure crisis. Grass roots organizations are calling on lenders to agree to a 2 year moratorium to stop adjusting mortgage payments up and driving people out of their homes. But would the mortgage companies back off for a couple of years?

George Goehl of the National Training and Information Center: "Litton Services is a smaller company with a smaller portfolio. It is already doing this and working with homeowners to restructure their loans." No coincidence that the event today was held in zip code 44105. That Cleveland zip code has more foreclosures than any other in the nation. For more on this campaign, go to [Myfoxcleveland.com](http://Myfoxcleveland.com) and click business.

## FLOODING

### Issue: Flooding Issues

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It's almost been a year since the devastating flooding in Painesville. Although no one lives in these Millstone Condos anymore, many people are still paying their mortgages. You may recall people here had water up to the top of their first floor. Most had to be rescued through their second story windows and taken out by boat. Besides these 38 units, just down the road the 42 unit Gristmill Condos were a total loss.

We took a tour of what's left of those condos today with Painesville's Assistant City Manager who says there is good news coming soon. "We'll be purchasing their property at pre-flood market value and they'll be able to go on with their lives and purchase other homes." The city then will be making this land into a park, and it will be deed-restricted forever. In the future if we have a similar flood event we won't have to evacuate folks.

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Massive amounts of rain pound parts of northeast Ohio. Several inches of rain fell in just a matter of hours and it created a rush hour nightmare. Tonight we're told the Cleveland Fire Department responded to 110 runs between 3:30 and 6pm. Powerful rains quickly flooded several area roadways. Even our parking lot at Fox 8 filled with rainwater. As the water rose into the streets, many drivers found themselves stranded. Tow truck companies say the calls came in so quickly they couldn't keep up. According to the Cleveland Fire Department five people were rescued from the roofs of their cars near South Marginal and East 9<sup>th</sup>

Within two hours the rain stopped, the water receded, leaving behind nothing more than a bit of debris. According to First Energy, there were 7500 reported power outages in the Cleveland area. Currently they're reporting 3500 power outages in the Cleveland area. 1,000 of those outages are in Cleveland Heights. First Energy hopes to have power restored and running by midnight.

News August 3, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:42 Local  
Thursday's storms sent some people into a panic. Tonight, we've got their calls for help during those storms. One after another calls poured in to 911. Several drivers had to be rescued from their vehicles after they stalled out. High winds knocked down power lines sparking fires all across the city. So many power lines were knocked out at one point First Energy reported 7500 customers were without power.

News August 3, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:20 Local  
Yesterdays floods came fast and furious and had several people running for higher ground while dialing 911. Luckily there were no serious injuries to report. While storms only lasted a few hours the damage in some areas was quite extensive. Flood water along marginal roads and downtown area streets forced traffic to back up along the shoreway and on 90. Many motorists who tried driving through high waters ended up stalling out. Besides stranded drivers, many of the 911 calls involved house fires that were sparked by downed power lines. Tow truck drivers were also swamped with calls.

News August 7, 2007 10:00PM TRT 12:07 Local  
Flash floods drenched northeast Ohio. Fox 8 cameras are rolling as drivers need divers to get rescued from the cars. We begin with coverage of an entire apartment complex that's been evacuated. Police and fire crews evacuated all 100 units at the Westfield apartment complex in Parma. The water was up to three feet in some basement units, and some people made it out with only the clothes on their backs. You can see items floating in a murky mess and almost everything is ruined. Most people tried to grab what they could and get out.

Parma police and fire quickly responded and learned that the two transformers that supply power to the apartment complex were underwater. That's when they ordered a mandatory evacuation. The Red Cross and Parma cert teams set up shelter at Valley Forge High School and that's where some people will be staying indefinitely.

The rain fell fast and the sewers could not keep up. The damage left behind is causing homeowners big headaches. When sewers overflow, a lot of things can come up and none of them are good. Tonight, a local agency is trying to unplug the drain.

The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is now proposing that the agency manage the region's storm water. The plan calls for local governments to pool their resources to prevent the overflow. A reminder to homeowners to keep children and pets out of flooded areas until clean-up is completed. Wear boots, gloves and goggles during clean-up. Throw away any items that cannot be cleaned and disinfected. The flooding not only damages homes, but it can make people sick if they're not careful.

It was crazy driving around Cleveland about 9:30am this morning. We first found a car stranded at East 40th and Payne; the person managed to get out. At the same time, several rescue companies were dispatched to the Superior Avenue/MLK Bridge area. On the other side of the bridge from above you can see a man hanging out of his sunroof waiting to be rescued. It actually looks like the car is moving from this shot, but as we pull out you can see that is just the current going around it.

Drivers found whole pieces of pavement missing from the eastbound innerbelt by dead man's curve. The rushing water lifted chunks of asphalt from the high speed lane and washed them away. That lane is shut down until ODOT crews finish the repairs sometime tomorrow.

I-480 eastbound also had to be shut down at I-76. The flood water along the freeway was 7-feet deep in some places. Several drivers were even trapped inside their floating cars. Crews eventually rescued them, but even the thousands of drivers who didn't get stuck faced major delays.

The storms today created flooding and power problems at several area hospitals. Within minutes, doctors at Metrohealth Medical Center go from treating patients to moving them to higher ground after several inches of water flood the emergency room. Torrential rain overwhelmed the sewer system. The flooded ER forced ambulances to take very sick patients to other hospitals.

Lightning knocked out power to an outpatient building at Euclid Hospital. Crews brought in sandbags after flooding cut off power at St. Vincent Charity Hospital. For awhile even the back up generator didn't work. Although surgeries were put on hold, doctors still managed to treat patients.

This morning's rain was so bad it actually shut down the Cuyahoga County Fair. The heavy downpour turned the grandstand area into a lake and the fair's midway into a small river. Even some of the portable toilets were in danger of floating away. The fair is expected to be back in business tomorrow with the gates open at noon.

News                      August 8, 2007                      10:00PM                      TRT 5:35                      Local  
The massive rain and flooding affected nearly the entire viewing area. Governor Ted Strickland is declaring a state of emergency for Cuyahoga County. The rain started falling, and the 911 calls started pouring in. A massive rain storm overwhelms sewers and drainage systems. Roads turn into rivers, with motorists caught in the middle. The rising waters were a dangerous situation for many people, especially children and the elderly.

This is a good time for Ohioans to study their insurance policies to see if they are covered when it comes to flooding damage. The typical homeowner's policy does not include flood insurance. In Ohio the average policy cost is around \$500. There are certain damage costs even flood insurance does not cover. For more information on flood insurance, go to [Myfoxcleveland.com](http://Myfoxcleveland.com).

The torrential rain caused lots of sewage to flow into Lake Erie making for unsanitary swimming conditions. The water overloaded local wastewater treatment plants and forced an unusual amount of sewage in the water. County health workers say sewage can carry bacteria which can lead to vomiting and diarrhea. Despite the warning, people were swimming at Edgewater Beach and at Huntington Beach n Bay Village. Bacteria levels are expected to remain high for at least 48hours.

News                      August 9, 2007                      5:00PM                      TRT 1:30                      Local  
A number of folks chased from their homes by Tuesday's flooding have no choice but to stay at an emergency shelter. Many of the residents at the shelter tell us they have no where else to go. The Red Cross is now handing out clean-up kits to victims of the flood in Parma. The hardest hit area was the Westfield apartment complex on Chevy Boulevard. The flooding left as many as 300 residents homeless. They are now waiting to find out when they will be able to go home.

Bill Conley/American Red Cross "We just try to tell them they are in a safe haven right now, that we are going to do everything that we possibly can to make sure that their needs at this time are taken care of. We try to encourage them to relax. We do have mental health workers and nurses on staff here." For more information on flooding and what to do if it happens to you, you can go to our website [MyfoxCleveland.com](http://MyfoxCleveland.com).

News                      August 10, 2007                      10:00PM                      TRT 2:02                      Local  
Tonight, some people who live in the flooded out Parma Westfield apartment complex are being allowed back inside their homes. Those who live on the upper levels of this apartment complex are allowed back in while those who live on the first floor still have to wait a few days. Just because most of the apartment building is back open, doesn't mean it's in good shape.

Building management has assured the city of Parma that the first floor units, which sustained major flood damage, will be ready for residents by Monday. As you can see, there's still a lot of work to be done here. 37 people from this complex were staying in a Red Cross shelter over at Valley Forge High School. They've now been moved to hotels. We'll wait and see if the rest of the residents can get back in by Monday.

News August 12, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:15 Local  
Flooding forced them from their apartments. Now Parma leaders are upset over what's being done to get some resident back home. The city told the owner of the Westfield apartments to get them cleaned up and ready for tenants by noon tomorrow. Tenants say not enough has been done to meet that deadline.

The apartment manager told us she didn't have time to talk about this. The owner of a nearby complex that also flooded had no problems cleaning up. Parma says the owner of the building is already on probation for other building code violations. They are not pleased with this latest development.

There is relief for those hit by the flooding. Governor Strickland is setting aside \$5 million for people who suffered damage from the heavy rains that fell. Families can get up to \$1500 in disaster relief. The elderly and disabled could get up to \$750.

News August 13, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:59 Local  
Residents flooded out of the Westfield apartments in Parma last week still cannot go back, and the city is set to take action against the property owner. These are documents from 11 different cases dealing with code violations here. The property owner Joshua Levin has paid close to \$8,000 in fines, and more will come relating to this case.

It's been a week since floodwaters overtook the bottom floor of the Westfield apartments. A crew is ripping up the carpets and the padding. Residents say that helped with the smell, but it's not enough to make the place livable. Parma building inspectors visited Monday. This isn't the first time the city of Parma has had to deal with the property owner Joshua Levin. There are 11 cases with 29 different charges dealing with code violations at the apartment complex. The city has given him 30 days to clean up this mess, but he'll be cited again. Mr. Levin didn't return any of our calls for comments. City officials say he is helping displaced residents by offering other open apartments.

News August 15, 2007 5:00AM TRT 1:40 Local  
A Lorain man is tired of waiting for the city to solve his flooding problems. He is now asking the city to buy his home. Brian Lilly is having his basement cleared out again. He's lost count of how many times he has done this. His insurance company has been writing out checks, but it is indicating the ink is about to run dry. In the last two years alone Brian has had to cut out these contaminated walls plus throw away all sorts of household items. The floodwaters here have been a mixture of rainwater and raw sewage.

The city law director buried in claims from homeowners knows what is causing all of this. Mark Provenza, Lorain Law Director "A number of homes have their footer tiles tied into the sanitary sewer lines and at one point in time that was legal." Brian Lilly says he has poured \$30,000 into his house to make it flood proof. Brian fears he will lose his homeowners insurance. He won't be able to keep his mortgage loan so he says the city should just buy his house. The law director says it is unlikely the city could do that.

News August 17, 2007 5:00PM TRT 0:26 Local  
People living in Lorain whose home or business was damaged can apply for low interest loans through the SBA. Homeowners can get \$200,000 to fix up your property and \$40,000 to repair or replace personal items. Businesses can get up to \$1.5 million. For more information on applying for the loans, go to our website and click on weather

News August 19, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:35 Local  
Numerous flood watches are in effect as northern Ohio buckles down for several days of soaking wet weather. When a big storm dumps a lot of water in a short period of time, alert levels go up. But we had a steady rain falling most of the day, and some motorists were caught unawares by standing water.

Rain and more rain, formed a small pond on I-90 near West 41st. It's the same low lying spot that's flooded during other heavy rains. Three minor accidents happened in less than an hour. Cleveland police called ODOT and crews put up a warning sign, but by then the water started going down. ODOT spokeswoman Lora Hummer says that effort will continue into the Monday morning rush hour

The all day rain also forced a number of outdoor events to cancel including the West 6th Street Festival in Cleveland's warehouse district. By the time the rain stopped, the day was over. Northeast Ohio escaped major flooding, but wet roads still caused a car to flip on I-77 near the East 9th Street exit. Keep in mind for tomorrow's commute standing water can collect very quickly on freeway ramps and low spots. All it takes is several hours of steady rain. It doesn't have to be a downpour to lead to those conditions.

News            August 20, 2007            6:00PM            TRT 4:50            Local  
Wadsworth is just one of the many northeast Ohio communities drenched by today's storms. The torrential rain overwhelmed nearly everything on the ground and under the ground from storm sewers to basements to roads. We caught up with one College Street homeowner who watched the water pour into the side door of his home, flooding his basement, and causing some of his appliances to nearly float away. Even business owners had to vacuum up the watery mess. The city's library was closed because of the sewer backups.

Buckets of rain are pouring into Cornerstone elementary school. The school's office filled up and desks began to float. Everyone pitched in to prevent serious damage. Norton Schools Superintendent David Dunn said volunteers helped barricade the building against the powerful water using cinder blocks, boards, and about 40,000 pounds of bagged sand. So far their efforts have paid off. Although there's no dollar amount yet the damage is messy but minimal all things considered

News            August 21, 2007            10:00PM            TRT 7:52            Local  
Up to nine inches of rain in 36 hours caused the Black Fork River in the Richland County town of Shelby to overflow its banks. As downtown Shelby is inundated by the floodwaters, residents and business owners must move quickly to get out. Some residents are not able to get out in time and find themselves trapped by the raging waters. A coast guard helicopter is brought in to pluck them from rooftops after attempted rescues by boats prove unsuccessful.

Outside downtown Shelby, residents discover that their homes are surrounded by the encroaching waters. Some begin a desperate attempt to save those things they consider valuable. The flood cut Shelby into two, forcing authorities to set up shelters for evacuees on the east and west side of the mighty Black Fork. Many of the residents are not sure when they can go back to homes filled with up to eight feet of floodwater. Sadly two men are now accused of trying to take advantage of the flood by looting items from evacuated businesses. They are arrested on charges of attempted theft.

Now we head to Summit County where the roads began turning to rivers yesterday morning. By far Barberton is one of worst areas hit. A day later and it's still tough getting around town, and some folks still can't go home.

In Richland County a tornado may have touched down. Sheriff's deputies say they were overwhelmed with reports of high winds, and downed trees, around 3:00 yesterday afternoon. One of the hardest hit areas was Bellville, where a home was destroyed. Further south, the Ohio State University decided to cancel its open football scrimmage and autograph session because of the storms. It's been rescheduled for tomorrow at 6pm.

News            August 22, 2007            10:00PM            TRT 3:26            Local  
The Blanchard River is already 7 feet over flood stage in Findlay and still rising. It's turned homes into islands, in a muddy brown sea. No one was prepared for flooding like this. Today's flooding is being called the worst since 1913. The governor is declaring a state of emergency in Richland County where the Black River overflowed its banks.

Although the water has receded, it left behind enormous damage in the town of Shelby. For flood victims in Shelby, Ohio it is hard to know where to begin for those who have suffered have suffered immeasurably. One home has completely lost a basement wall, another wall still holding up the house is collapsing; four neighbors are facing the same problem. The Shelby police department and city jail are in shambles. What was thought to be salvageable yesterday might not ever be used again. The Red Cross is helping and local church members are also providing meals and manpower

Some of Shelby's schools were also damaged by flooding. Fox-8 viewers sent us photos of water covering the high school football field. Today football players were in action working to get the field back in shape. The elementary school gym was also hit. The wood floor was forced up by mud. The football field may not be ready in time for the team's first home game in two weeks.

Flood damage is causing problems for all kinds of people in the Mansfield area, including the postal service. Mansfield's main post office processes mail not only for its residents but for thousands of residents in Ashland and 45 other surrounding areas. They got mail yesterday but flood damage caused delays today and officials say as the clean-up goes on those delays could continue. Flood water rose to five feet behind the main post office and more than a foot seeped inside. 50 mail trucks were submerged. Officials say no mail was ruined although a small amount did get wet.

Environmental officials must clear the building before some 290 workers can come back. Until then, they're operating out of a local banquet center. Mail trucks from other areas have been transferred to Mansfield temporarily. Postal officials say they're working hard to keep mail service going but they do anticipate some delays. Postal officials say at this point they're not sure when this facility will reopen.

News                      August 23, 2007                      10:00PM                      TRT 3:40                      Local  
The state has called in the coast guard because of the devastating floods in Findlay. A day after massive floods swept across downtown Findlay, the only way Leon Shook can get to his home is by boat.

We're going to be talking about clean-up in Shelby, Ohio for a while. Tonight people continue to wait for federal assistance. Many community groups and church groups are pitching in to help those who need the help, but what some homeowners need here more than anything right now is a federal disaster declaration. The Red Cross is handing out cleaning kits. Volunteers are helping with meals and manpower.

Some people cannot start the process of rebuilding because they have no assurance of what they might get. Certainly these homeowners understand that is going to take months for them to complete, but what they would like to know is that there is some certainty that help is on the way.

News                      August 24, 2007                      6:00PM                      TRT 2:20                      Local  
In hard hit communities like Shelby volunteers are collecting food and clothing. The Red Cross is also offering assistance, but that help eventually will end. One homeowner turned to a website called freecycle.org where members give away virtually everything from food to clothing and furniture. Almost immediately she started getting contributions. On the same website she posted this request for a neighbor who needs everything. That message eventually reached a nearby thrift store that will help him refurbish his home and provide a refrigerator. People suffering through this weeks flood in other Ohio communities have also posted needs on freecycle.org.

People in Findlay are starting to return home, as the floodwaters that inundated their city begin to recede. On Wednesday the Blanchard River crested at 7-feet above flood stage. Homes and businesses became islands in a sea of muddy water. Firefighters and volunteers used boats to rescue people and pets stranded in their homes, homes where basements were filled with water nearly to the first floor. Findlay recorded about 9-inches of rain within a 3-day period. Governor Ted Strickland declared a state of emergency in the area, along with a number of other northern Ohio counties.

News            August 25, 2007            6:00PM            TRT 0:25            Local  
Governor Strickland toured the flood stricken city this afternoon. He is also sending Ohio National Guard troops to the area to assist with security and traffic control. Richland County is one of nine Ohio counties where the governor has declared a state of emergency. FEMA is also assessing the widespread flooding damage to make way for federal aid.

News            August 26, 2007            6:00PM            TRT 2:06            Local  
Shelby was one of the communities hit hardest by flooding this week. Two of the schools there were heavily damaged. Two of the schools wound up in the middle of a lake created in an instant. A river of sorts with a strong current ran through the gym at Central school and the gym floor buckled. It will have to be torn out. There will be an intense clean up here to get the schools ready for opening day Monday. The superintendent told us some of the losses will be covered by insurance. He is hoping FEMA might eventually provide money for some of the other losses at the schools.

News            August 27, 2007            Noon            TRT 1:40            Local  
Last week's historic flooding damaged two schools in Shelby. Now after a week of constant cleaning, the buildings are ready for the first day of school. Richland County bore the brunt of last week's torrential rains. The Black Fork River crested above flood stage and sent water pouring into the middle and elementary schools. School officials worked around the clock to clean the buildings and now health inspectors say they are safe.

The flooding also caused major damage in northwest Ohio. In Hancock County volunteers from the Red Cross and the Salvation Army are helping out in Findlay where the Blanchard River flooded the downtown area. Meanwhile Governor Ted Strickland toured the area on Saturday and has declared a state of emergency in nine Ohio counties. He's waiting to hear if the state qualifies for federal disaster relief. The governor says FEMA officials are examining the flooded areas to see if residents can obtain federal aid.

News            August 28, 2007            5:00AM            TRT 0:20            Local  
Several flood victims in Ohio still can't go home, and today they will be able to apply for federal help. President Bush declared a major disaster for nine counties ravaged by flooding during last week's severe storms. Grants will be available to cover temporary housing and home repairs. The federal government is also offering low-cost loans for uninsured property losses.

News            August 29, 2007            6:00PM            TRT 2:07            Local  
A week after floods here in Ohio, federal help is only making matters worse for some people. In Shelby flood victims desperately wanted federal help, and now that it's here, some who started rebuilding say they are worse off than without it.

Gary Griffith's home sits perilously balanced on wooden stacks. More than \$10,000 after the Shelby flood victim started the process of rebuilding federal requirements have forced it to come to a complete stop. Neighbors here hoped a federal disaster declaration would help them get their homes and lives back to normal. Instead the city's planning director is left breaking the news to those whose damage exceeds half the home's value like Gary's, that they have only 3 options. Some neighbors have already finished rebuilding collapsed basement walls, only to learn they may need to tear them down again, and fill in the basement.

From bottled water to baby diapers, the Shelby flood victims need your help. You can donate items tonight until 9pm and tomorrow from 8am to 9pm at the Vine Bible Fellowship Church at 3510 Broadview Road in Cleveland.

News            August 30, 2007            Noon            TRT 0:20            Local  
There's now a price tag for the all the repairs needed to city buildings in Findlay. It will cost from \$20 to \$31 million in the estimate by the city officials. The health department and waste water treatment plant were just two that suffered serious damage. It's not just the buildings in need of repair. The record flooding also trashed numerous city owned trucks and vehicles.



News            September 4, 2007    5:00AM            TRT 0:25            Local  
The water has receded after record flooding in Findlay, but now residents are dealing with a new problem. Flooding victims say landlords have started raising their rents because they know tenants will get money from FEMA and the Red Cross to help pay for it. One resident says she's seen some rents are three times what they were before last month's flooding. Red Cross volunteers are worried about where flood victims will live once shelters close.

News            September 7, 2007    5:00PM            TRT 1:55            Local  
It's been a long time coming, but flooding assistance is finally coming for some Painesville homeowners. There are two condominium complexes that were totally destroyed during the floods of July 2006. People at the Millstone complex are about to get some help, but it may be a while for those in the complex just up the street. Painesville's assistant city manager is happy to announce federal funding has been granted for those living in the Millstone condos. They expect to hear on the Gristmill application soon as well, probably within the next month or sooner.

News            September 12, 2007    6:00AM            TRT 0:20            Local  
Millions of dollars in federal aid will soon be in the hands of Ohioans still drying out after last month's historic floods. FEMA has already approved \$10.2 million for flood victims in the counties that President Bush declared federal disaster areas. About 6,300 residents and businesses have registered with FEMA and inspectors have already toured almost 5,000 homes.

News            September 28, 2007    10:00PM            TRT 0:25            Local  
Good news for the victims of last years freak flooding in Painesville. A provision added to the federal flood insurance bill, by local representative Steve Latourette would close an insurance loophole. That loophole kept condominium owners from collecting insurance unless the condo association's insurance covered the brunt of the building costs. Now, condo owners will be able to collect their insurance to pay off mortgages and other expenses.

### **LOCAL/NATIONAL AUTOWORKERS STRIKE**

#### **Issue: UAW Strike**

News            September 14, 2007    10:00PM            TRT 1:56            Local  
Local auto workers are closely watching contract negotiations tonight between General Motors and the United Auto Workers Union. The union has set a strike deadline at midnight, but the two sides are still talking. The stakes are high for workers at the Chevy plant in Parma and General Motors employees, as their union attempts to negotiate a new contract with GM. Among the major sticking points in the talks has been GM's demand for cuts in health care benefits and certain high paying jobs.

The union selected GM as the lead company in its negotiations with Detroit's big three. That means that if a deal is struck with GM, Chrysler and Ford, which have extended the current contract indefinitely, they will be asked to accept the same terms. The two sides have clashed over studies that show American auto workers make an average of more than \$70 an hour, while their Japanese counterparts make \$48 an hour.

GM spokesman Dan Flores tells Fox 8 that the company is not ruling out the possibility that the current contract will be extended until a new deal can be struck. At Chevy in Parma, workers say neither side can afford a strike. The two sides are still talking as midnight approaches.

News            September 17, 2007    5:00AM            TRT 2:10            Local  
A strike still looms for United Auto Workers at GM plants. Negotiations ended last night without a deal. Workers here at the Parma plant continue to watch those negotiations closely. Negotiators say things are going pretty well but there remain some serious sticking points including health care. GM wants the union to handle responsibility for those costs using a company-funded trust. The union wants certain job guarantees in exchange for those taking on the expense. The strike deadline came and went Friday. A source briefed on the negotiations says progress is being made and for now a strike is on hold.

This year's contract talks are considered critical for GM and other U.S. auto makers as they try to close what they say is a \$25 per hour labor cost gap with their Japanese competitors. GM has 73,000 U.S. auto employees nationwide which include workers at facilities in Lordstown, and Moraine Ohio. Talks are slated to resume later this morning.

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News September 18, 2007 Noon TRT 0:50 Local  
Contract talks between the United Auto Workers and General Motors are set to resume in Detroit. Negotiations have been stalled by complex issues such as how to handle retiree health care. The Auto Workers Union is negotiating an agreement first with GM. It will then try to persuade Ford and Chrysler to accept the same terms.

News September 24, 2007 5:00PM TRT 3:20 Local  
United Auto Workers hit the picket lines. Thousands of union members walked off the job nationwide, including employees at the GM Chevy plant in Parma. The UAW declared an 11am strike deadline. Without word of any progress at the bargaining table, members of local 1005 walked out as soon as the deadline passed. It is the first nationwide auto strike during contract negotiations in a generation since 1976. Workers filed out of the GM Metal Fabricating plant as soon as the strike deadline passed, uncertain what would come next.

The Parma plant has 1700 hourly workers, 1400 fulltime and about 300 temporary. The big sticking point is health care for retirees. GM wants to transfer the retiree health plan into a union trust wiping its books of a \$51 billion obligation. Job security is another sticking point. While fighting for the future, these workers now face economic pain in the present with lost income during a strike.

GM said in a statement it's disappointed the UAW decided to strike. It has enough cars and trucks to withstand a short work stoppage. Both sides see this struggle as a battle for the long term, for GM the ability to survive in a global marketplace, and for the union a fight for middle class jobs on U.S. soil. In its statement today, GM also says it will continue efforts to reach an agreement as soon as possible. The walkout affects some 180,000 autoworkers nationwide.

News September 24, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:50 Local  
A nationwide auto workers strike is hitting home right in Northeast Ohio tonight. Workers say the major issues are health care benefits and job security. Many striking workers say they want a guarantee that their jobs will not be moved to a country with cheaper labor, a guarantee the union says the company has been unwilling to make.

Another major sticking point in the stalled negotiations between both sides is the cost of health care benefits and the company's demand that the union take control of retiree health benefits through a trust fund that would allow the company to clear \$451 billion from its books. The union says the striking workers will be paid \$200 a week from a strike fund.

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GM and the United Auto Workers returned to the bargaining table, but the strike continues into its second day. Autoworkers here at the GM Chevy plant and their families are now facing the fact no one knows how long the strike might last and how that will affect the family budget. In the meantime, members have seen their income shrink to a \$200 a week strike benefit. Some workers say they'll draw down on savings to get by and others prepared children and spouses to get by with less. But many say the short term hardship doesn't diminish their resolve to hang tough, and the mood on the picket line reflected that.

UAW Local 1005 which represents the plant has benefits counselors on hand. The local president tells me they're prepared to offer stress relief counseling as well as practical information to members who worry about making ends meet during the strike.

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This morning the union announced it has reached a tentative agreement with General Motors. Word came early this morning the UAW would hold a news conference. The tentative deal puts an end to the strike which was entering its third day. The walkout forced a marathon bargaining session.

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GM cuts a deal with the union ending a two day strike. The automaker says this will make them much more competitive. It's a deal union leaders say they are happy to pass along to their members. The details haven't been released. What a relief for the 73,000 union workers at GM plants across the country. Many of them went back to work at 6:30 this morning, firing up those machines at plants that were idled on Monday.

Word is part of the deal includes the union taking healthcare benefits for retirees. In a statement this morning, General Motors says this will make them more competitive and strengthen the automaker's core manufacturing base in the U.S. Workers feel that isn't only good for them it's good for America.

GM retirees have a meeting tomorrow and you can bet they'll have a lot of questions about how this deal affects them. Local union leaders will head to Detroit at the end of the week to get more details. The contract could be ratified by next week.

News	September 26, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 2:00	Local
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The nation's first strike against an automaker ended with a tentative agreement early this morning. Union workers say they were ready to dig in for the long haul to fight for what they wanted but both sides say they're relieved the strike is over. The first full shift of workers headed back to Parma's Chevy plant at 2:30 this afternoon.

The agreement was already ratified today by national union leaders. Local reps will head up in the next couple of days to be briefed on the details of the new deal. The president here says members can expect a vote sometime next week.

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News September 28, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:25 Local  
 Part of a deal with General Motors could secure jobs here at home. The United Auto Workers president says the union won guarantees from GM that new cars and trucks will be built at U.S. factories. The union was on strike for two days this week before agreeing to a tentative deal that also includes a new health care trust paid for by GM. Workers are expected to approve the contract next week.

## CRIME

### Issue: Moonda Trial

News July 2, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:56 Local  
 Attorneys have one last chance to present their cases in the Ohio turnpike murder before jurors begin deliberating. Donna Moonda is fighting for her life, literally. She faces the death penalty if convicted of having her husband murdered on the Ohio turnpike two years ago. Donna Moonda cried during an interview after her husband was murdered. She cried again in federal court when her former lover took the stand and accused her of having him kill Dr. Gulam Moonda, who was shot to death on the Ohio turnpike May 13, 2005.

25-year-old Damian Bradford has admitted to killing the Pennsylvania doctor in exchange for a 17 and a half year prison sentence. He told the jury Donna promised to split her inheritance with him if he'd kill her husband. Bradford says she wasn't happy with the \$1 million her husband had offered her for a divorce.

On Friday the defense rested its case without Donna Moonda ever taking the stand in her own defense. One thing the judge is expected to do before the jury begins deliberating is to instruct them not to hold that against her. Two rebuttal witnesses were called to the stand today and it took less than an hour. The trial is nearly over now, with closing arguments on Thursday. After that the jury will begin its deliberations.

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News	July 3, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:47	Local

News July 5, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:17 Local  
 The jury began deliberating the fate of Donna Moonda at 3:30 this afternoon. If convicted she faces the death penalty on charges of murder for hire and using a firearm during a crime of violence. In closing arguments the prosecution painted Mrs. Moonda as a thief and a drug addict, stealing narcotics while working as a nurse to feed her addiction. They also said she's been weaving a series of lies for years including covering up a love affair she had with 22-year old Damian Bradford who has admitted shooting Donna's husband, Dr. Gulam Moonda on the Ohio turnpike.

Prosecutors say she talked Bradford into killing her husband with a promise of splitting her inheritance money with him. The defense however says Bradford acted alone, and tried punching holes in the prosecution's case by calling him a gun-toting drug dealer, liar, and womanizer. Now it's up to jurors to decide who's telling the truth. The judge told them to bring a suitcase because they'll be sequestered throughout deliberations, which are expected to go until 9pm tonight and continue tomorrow if necessary.

#### Additional reports

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News July 6, 2007 6:00PM TRT 3:49 Local  
 Donna Moonda is found guilty on all charges. 48-year-old Donna Moonda cried as the verdict was read, repeatedly saying she didn't do it. Nevertheless, the Pennsylvania widow was found guilty of hiring her lover to kill her husband, guilty of interstate stalking, and guilty on two counts of using a firearm during a crime of violence. The jury deliberated ten hours before rendering their verdict.

Roger Synenberg, Defense Attorney, said Donna is disappointed by the verdict. Donna's family has been in court throughout the proceeding. They've never had anything to say. Today was no exception. Three of the four charges Donna was found guilty of make her eligible for the death penalty. That part of the trial is set to start on July 16. It's expected to take two to three days before the death penalty phase is turned over to the jury.

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As Donna Moonda waits to learn if she will be sentenced to death or serve life in prison for killing her husband, people who knew and loved Doctor Gulam Moonda are speaking out. Dr. Moonda's nephew Farooq Moonda says "We are all relieved to finally have closure to this horrible event." The family is establishing a trust fund in his name to help students seeking a medical education.

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Relatives of Donna Moonda take the stand as a jury decides if she should die for having her wealthy husband murdered. Donna's mother and all three of her sisters took the stand. Each said they'd be devastated if Donna were put to death and said they'd rather she got life in prison so they could still call and visit her. Tomorrow the defense is expected to call a forensic psychologist to say Donna Moonda suffers from a disorder that makes her submissive and easily manipulated.

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Donna Moonda is trying to convince a federal jury in Akron to give her life in prison for hiring her lover to kill her wealthy husband. Today a psychologist testified that Donna still has nightmares about the murder. He also told jurors that Donna has a disorder that causes her to please people she's attached to even if it's detrimental. Prosecutors were skeptical. Just as in the trial, the defense team rested without putting Donna on the stand. Closing arguments will be held tomorrow. Then it will be up to the jury to decide the sentence.

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Closing arguments are over and now Donna Moonda's fate rests in the hands of the same jury that convicted her of murder for hire. Donna sobbed uncontrollably during much of the closing arguments.

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Donna Moonda will spend the rest of her life behind bars for hiring her lover to kill her wealthy husband. A federal jury rejected the death penalty, finding life behind bars without the chance for parole was severe enough. According to their verdict forms, jurors felt Donna could still benefit society in prison. They also felt Damian Bradford was equally responsible, even though he only got a sentence of 17 1/2 years. Dr. Moonda's friends and family approve of both sentences. The judge allowed Donna and her mother to spend some private time together before she was taken away.

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News July 20, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:10 Local

For the first time ever evidence in the turnpike murder case has been released, and tonight you'll see the gun that was used to kill a Pennsylvania doctor. Federal prosecutors released evidence to Fox 8 news which they used to build their case against 48-year-old Donna Moonda. Prosecutors released pictures of Doctor Moonda's car and the SUV driven by the gunman, 25 year old Damian Bradford, who was also Donna's lover. To hear more of the wire tap and the interview conducted by investigators with Donna Moonda, log on to [Myfoxcleveland.com](http://Myfoxcleveland.com) and click on news.

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#### **Issue: Fireworks Triple Murder**

News July 5 2007 5:00PM TRT 4:40 Local

Three people are dead and two others hurt in a shooting on the west side. The suspect is a Cleveland firefighter. We are on Sky Lane Drive, just off of the Spring Road exit off the 176 freeway. Three people were dead, and two others also shot were taken to the hospital, including this man who later came back to his home. He had been shot in the elbow. Police have 35-year-old Terrance Hough Jr. in custody. He's a Cleveland firefighter for the past 12 years. He lived next door to where the shootings took place.

Police say they found what they believe to be the murder weapon inside Hough's home. Lt. Thomas Stacho, Cleveland Police spokesperson, said following the shooting Hough walked back to the home. There was an off duty police officer who lived a number of doors away who apparently heard a commotion, went down, observed victims on the driveway, obviously suffering from gunshots wounds, followed Mr. Hough into his home, confronted him, held him at gunpoint until other officers arrived. Terrance Hough Jr. has been arrested for investigation of murder, but has not yet been charged. Police are still interviewing him and the many witnesses.

The first victim identified by police is 24 year old Jacob Feichtner, the young man who lived next door to Hough. By numerous accounts, he rose above a tragic past to become well liked wherever he went. Jacob was the oldest of three siblings. They lost their mother when Jacob was only 8. Neighbors recall Jacob as a polite and respectful boy who remained that way into young adulthood. He worked at the Cleveland Clinic's Intercontinental Hotel.

Cleveland police have now identified the other two victims who died as 26 year old Katherine Rosby of Lakewood and 30 year old Bruce Anderson of Parma. The two people who were injured are out of the hospital recovering. They are 23-year old Donald Walsh who was shot in the left elbow and 24 year old Katherine Nicholas who was shot in her little finger.

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A community is in mourning, after a firefighter is accused of gunning down three neighbors in a July 4 deadly dispute. Five people were shot, and three were killed. Everyone is trying to grasp the fact that a Cleveland firefighter is the accused gunman.

Terrance Hough, Jr. is the man police say went on a shooting rampage in this quiet, middle-class neighborhood in Cleveland. Police say Hough's neighbors were having a party, there was some type of altercation, and Hough came out of his house shooting. Hough is an 11 year veteran of the Cleveland Fire Department and is married with children. Neighbors suspect he was fed up with the noise next door. According to police records, the Hough's have called dozens of times over the past four years to complain about loud noise, neighbor trouble and fireworks coming from their next door neighbors. Even so, Hough's colleagues at the fire department say there was no indication that he could snap.

Hough works at station 33, on 117th and Linnett in Cleveland and has a clean record with the fire department. Each firefighter must also undergo a psychological evaluation before becoming active, and Hough passed the test. As the investigation continues into this triple murder, the number one question will continue to be why. Terry has been placed on unpaid, administrative leave. He is in jail tonight but has not yet been charged.

Fox 8 news reporter Jack Shea joins us live from Skylane where family and friends of the three victims gathered tonight for a prayer vigil. Everyone here finds it hard to believe that this happened to a group of young people celebrating July 4. At this emotional prayer vigil, the two survivors of Terry Hough's shooting spree, 23-year-old Donnie Walsh and 24-year-old Katherine Nicholas provide comfort for the families of their friends who did not survive.

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Terrence Hough Jr. is now officially charged with three counts of murder. He is being held at the city jail downtown and will face a judge tomorrow morning for the first time on three counts of aggravated murder. Hough could face the rest of his life behind bars. Police tell us he has been on suicide watch all day in the city jail.

The firefighter's union representative released a statement today: "Our condolences go out to the families of the victims as well as the Hough family. We will be waiting for the results of the investigation and subsequent trial so we can find out exactly what happened that morning. We

have been advised that a hearing will be held next week before the Safety Director to address the criminal indictment where First Grade Firefighter Hough will be suspended pending the outcome of the criminal matter."

We talked with the brother of Terrence Hough wife, and he says Regina Hough is doing as well as can be expected. He says there was a long standing feud between the two households and can't believe it came to this.

Police say what they believe to be the murder weapon, a handgun, was found on Hough's kitchen table. Also in the house police found six other handguns and five long guns. Hough will appear in Cleveland Municipal Court tomorrow morning at 8:30. Police say he will face additional charges when the facts of the case against him are presented to a Cuyahoga County Grand Jury.

#### Additional reports

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35-year old Terrance Hough Junior made his first court appearance today. He's accused of opening fire outside of his home on Skyline drive. Three people were killed and two others wounded. Investigators believe Hough was enraged because neighbors were blasting off fireworks. Assistant City Prosecutor Gayle Williams urged the judge to keep Hough in jail. The judge agreed and refused to set bond for Hough. Facts in the case will now be turned over to the county grand jury. It is likely additional charges will be added to the three counts of aggravated murder.

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News	July 9, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 0:49	Local
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An informal memorial is growing at the Skylane home where three young people were killed on the 4th of July. Cleveland firefighter Terrance Hough, Jr. who lives next door, is jailed without bond in the shootings.

Funeral services for Jacob Feichtner, who was hosting the party, are scheduled for 10am tomorrow at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church. Katherine Rosby's funeral was at the same church this morning.

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Tonight a grieving couple tells their story exclusively to Fox 8. This was after attending the funeral of the man who was supposed to be the best man in their upcoming wedding. Donnie Walsh was shot in the elbow, and his fiancée Katie Nicholas was shot in the finger. They were two of the five people outside a home on Skylane Drive around midnight on the fourth of July.

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Police say a dispute over fireworks cost Bruce Anderson his life. Tonight a crowd gathered at the Blue Moose in Parma for a fundraiser to help the family with funeral costs. Anderson's family thanked the community for their support and had some harsh words for Terrance Hough who is accused of killing Anderson.

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News August 7, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:25 Local  
A major indictment today against the Cleveland firefighter accused of gunning down his neighbors over a noisy 4th of July celebration. Bill Mason, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, said "When the young man fell to the ground, he went up to him from two feet away and made sure he finished the job off. I mean, that's a brutal killing." If convicted Hough could get the death penalty.

News August 9, 2007 5:00AM TRT 0:25 Local  
Defense attorneys for the firefighter who is accused of gunning down three people on July 4 will challenge claims he planned the attack. Hough's attorney says the 35-year old man snapped because of the noise at a neighbor's party. His wife called police with similar complaints several times before. Prosecutors are calling the shooting an intentional act.

News September 20, 2007 5:00PM TRT 0:40 Local  
A benefit is being held this weekend for the survivors of the deadly July 4 shootings on Cleveland's west side. The benefit for the survivors is this Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00pm at the Ice House Tavern at the corner of Tiedeman and Brookpark. A fund has been set up so you can also make donations at any Key Bank. Donnie Walsh was shot in the elbow. The bullet went in one side of his arm, and out the other. He'll have surgery in the next couple of weeks to try to regain movement in his fingers.

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News September 21, 2007 7:00AM TRT 0:50 Local

#### **Issue: Police Chases**

Area police chases result in death and injury.

News July 24, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:32 Local  
A car crash kills a beloved local pastor. Cleveland police say this was a fatal hit and run accident. One man is in jail, and a family and a church congregation are in mourning. Around 10pm Monday night, 74 year old Orma Beynum was driving his car near East 130th and Lakefront, near the Cleveland/East Cleveland border. Suddenly he was hit by a car and killed.

Cleveland police say they just happened to have officers nearby who witnessed the hit and run. Police took off after the driver, who they later arrested, but no one was able to save Beynum. Cleveland police are currently investigating the crash. East Cleveland police claim Cleveland police were chasing the suspect when the crash occurred, but Cleveland police say they witnessed the crash and were not part of it. The suspected driver is facing charges of vehicular homicide and drunken driving.

Additional reports

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News July 25, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:38 Local  
A local police officer comes within just inches of losing his life, and we have video of this dramatic ordeal. The decision to chase a suspect isn't made lightly by police. In this case they say it boiled down to getting a dangerous driver off the road before he hurt himself or someone else. Streetsboro police average about 5 to 10 DUI cases a week. They believe Anthony Maguire became one of those cases Tuesday night. Maguire was in this Circle K parking lot when police got reports that he was breaking beer bottles. Friends were trying to keep him from driving.

Sergeant Beaver chases Maguire up route 303, turns onto side streets and crosses route 43. Speeds reach up to 100 miles per hour taking them through Streetsboro, Hudson, and Twinsburg. Officers acknowledge the danger but say in every case they weigh the risk. A Twinsburg police officer rushes to lay out stop sticks as the chase enters that city. His own dashcam video captures the moment Maguire loses control and nearly hits him as he scrambles for cover.

According to a police report, Maguire was carrying marijuana, various pills and more than \$4400 in cash. Maguire refused a breathalyzer but police say they have no doubt he posed a threat to innocent people. Miraculously no one was seriously hurt. Had Anthony Maguire simply stayed in the parking lot, police say he may have only been charged with disorderly conduct. Now he's charged with felony fleeing and could face vehicular aggravated assault for almost hitting that police officer. He remains behind bars tonight at the Portage County jail.

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News August 5, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:15 Local  
A woman on her way to a downtown show is run down by a car that was trying to elude Cleveland police. Police didn't know who was behind the wheel until it was all over. The person they say was driving is only 13 years old. Officers began chasing the car after they realized it had been stolen. The chase was heading west on Prospect nearing the theater district

You hear the zone car call dispatch they are near East 22nd Street and just a few seconds later they indicate they are backing off because there are too many pedestrians. Just seconds after that, Virginia Digiorgio, age 57, was struck by the car. Her fight for life would end a couple of hours later.

A high speed chase can take place on your street or anywhere. When it gets too dangerous police can back off but is that always the best policy? Steve Loomis of the Police Patrolmen's Association "Once we begin a chase when we call those things off it always ends in tragedy always because the bad guys continue to drive like maniacs and the public doesn't have the benefit of a police car or two with the lights and sirens blaring. They have no clue what is coming." Loomis wants the pursuit policy changed and he also wants a state law passed that would set an automatic penalty of three years in prison for eluding police.

News August 5, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:23 Local  
57 year old Virginia Digiorgio and her husband were walking to the city's theatre district around 6:00pm Saturday evening. Investigators say the Brecksville couple was trying to cross the street when a car full of teens came flying down the road. Digiorgio's husband tried to protect his wife, but it was too late. Police say the woman was hit and killed at East 14th and Prospect.

Authorities spotted the stolen vehicle at East 30th and Carnegie when police began to chase the car. The teens will be arraigned in juvenile court tomorrow morning. A police spokesman says the two officers involved in the chase will be on paid administrative leave for at least two days.

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News August 6, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:52 Local  
Today four teenage boys are facing serious charges including involuntary manslaughter for mowing down a woman at Playhouse Square Saturday night. There will be no leniency for the four teenagers. Prosecutor Carmen Naso said that the driver 13 year old Dontez Hairston reportedly hasn't shown remorse. Although they weren't driving Davonte Johnson, Durraymus Gillis and Devonte McIntyre are charged with involuntary manslaughter and receiving stolen property. Unlike their 13 year old friend and driver at 14 they can be bound over as adults

Cleveland police say they were after the stolen car but realized it was too dangerous and called off the pursuit. Moments later the car crashed into Virginia. Her death is motivating prosecutors to seek and get the maximum penalties. None of the boys will be released. They will be back in court in a couple weeks when a judge will decide what to do with them. They could all be locked up until they are 21.

Two men training to be police officers saw some of what happened and helped out in a big way. Joe Nemeth and Greg Moenich are cadets in the Akron Police Academy. They saw the car filled with teens side swipe several cars. Then they say they saw the teens get out and run away. Greg and Joe chased after the boys. They were able to flag down police and lead them to the teens. They also helped identify the driver.

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14-year old Davonte McIntyre's mother wipes tears from his eyes after a hearing in Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court. Earlier this month, Davonte was riding in a stolen car with three other teens being chased by police. Moments after police backed off, the car slammed into Virginia Digiorgio who was crossing Prospect Avenue with her husband to see the Lion King. Prosecutors say after the crash, Davonte ran but he turned himself in a day later. The Cuyahoga County Juvenile Judge remanded him back to detention services.

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Two officers are cut from the wreckage resulting from a high speed chase. The man blamed for causing the chaos drove away. Two Cleveland police officers are in critical condition after a high speed chase. They slammed into a car that wasn't even involved. It took rescue crews more than an hour to cut one of the officers out of the cruiser because it was so badly mangled. The police car is barely recognizable up against the telephone pole where it landed.

Officer Eric Pruitt was out on patrol with his rookie partner Robert Ellis around 3:00am this morning when they spotted a car speeding along Miles Avenue in the wrong direction. They went after him. The pursuit ended in Warrensville Heights when the officers slammed another car. That one landed on its side. The driver, 23-year old Namir Spratt, was also seriously hurt.

Saul Nolen is the man those officers were chasing. He ditched the car he was driving at a Shell station down the street. He jumped out and ran home to his mother's house. His family called police. He fled from the home and his uncle actually chased him down, captured him for the police and they arrested him. There is reason to believe he was intoxicated, most likely high on drugs. In fact he told officers that he was high on "wet" which basically is embalming fluid that they smoke. Saul Nolen is under arrest. Police tell us he's been in trouble before for drugs, theft and domestic violence.

The fourth party involved in this police pursuit crash is the driver of the vehicle struck by the police cruiser. We caught up with his parents a short time ago at Hillcrest Hospital. Namir Spratt has a punctured liver, punctured spleen, broken ribs and glass in his face. Spratt worked the second shift at the Nestle plant in Solon, then visited a cousin and was on his way home when he was hit. Doctors tell his parents they have a 24 hour window to determine whether he will need surgery. We will have much more from these parents tonight at 5 and 6.

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News	August 24, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:30	Local

News August 25, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:40 Local  
Two Cleveland police officers continue their recovery in the hospital, this after crashing during a high speed chase early Friday morning. Metro Health Medical Center tells Fox 8 News officer Pruitt remains in critical condition and his partner Robert Ellis is listed in fair condition. The two officers were trying to stop a car that was speeding and driving in the wrong direction

#### Additional reports

News	August 25, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:30	Local
News	August 26, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	August 26, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	August 26, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	August 27, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

News August 28, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:41 Local  
The suspect in the near fatal police chase is arraigned today. Most of his injuries happened after he was taken into custody. Saul Nolan looked pretty battered as he stepped before the judge to face numerous charges. Before the hearing ended he was slapped with additional charges. 33 year old Nolan first faced the judge on felony fleeing and obstruction of official business charges stemming from a high speed chase that landed two Cleveland police officers in the hospital. One of them is still in critical condition. An innocent bystander was also badly hurt and hospitalized.

The prosecutor and police say Nolan was high on drugs when he turned himself in. He ripped a light fixture off the wall and began swinging at officers. Lt. Thomas Stacho of the Cleveland Police "I understand his family's making allegations that when police brought him in he was beaten as retaliation. We have the facts on our side. There is no reason our officers would do that, but it is under investigation." The investigation is standard following a use of force. Several officers and even some prisoners say they witnessed Saul Nolan going wild. Bond was set at \$500,000.

#### Additional reports

News	August 28, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	August 28, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 29, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 29, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 29, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local

News August 31, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:20 Local  
Doctors say a pair of Cleveland police officers that were badly hurt after colliding with another car during a chase are getting better. Their conditions are getting better but the road to a full recovery is still very long and difficult. In fact, doctors say it's possible the officers will never regain some of the physical abilities they had before the accident.

#### Additional reports

News	August 31, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:23	Local
News	August 31, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:55	Local

News September 25, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:10 Local  
It's been a month since two Cleveland police officers were severely injured while chasing a suspect. Today, doctors gave a progress report. Officer Robert Ellis suffered a fractured pelvis and an injured knee. He was released from the hospital Friday and hopes to make a full recovery.

Officer Eric Pruitt suffered multiple fractures and a traumatic brain injury. He remains in the hospital recovering. Family members say he's alert and in good spirits and uses a walker which is a miracle considering how close he came to death. Doctors say recovery from a traumatic brain injury can take up to 18 months. The focus now is on rehab.

**Additional reports**

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News	September 26, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 26, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 26, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:51	Local
News	September 27, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:23	Local

News September 24, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:33 Local  
 National figures show police chases kill more than 300 people a year. A state law maker hopes to decrease that number by increasing the penalty here in Ohio. It's surprising but right now in Ohio fleeing or eluding police is a misdemeanor. The bill would make it a felony.

The proposal comes on the heels of several violent incidents involving police chases in Cleveland. The proposal is sponsored by Representative Kenny Yuko and backed by the police union. It would make fleeing and eluding a fifth degree felony carrying a \$2500 fine and a 6 to 12 month jail sentence. The proposal is aimed at people on the fence who may be tempted to flee to get out of relatively minor offences. Representative Yuko hopes to discuss the bill next week when the State House is back in session.

**Additional reports**

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News	September 24, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	September 25, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	September 25, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	September 25, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:44	Local

**Issue: Cookie Thomas**

News September 1, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:00 Local  
 A shootout between two men in the middle of the street ends tragically for one 12 year-old Cleveland girl. Family members say Asteve Thomas was just walking down the street on her way back from the store when she got caught in the crossfire. As police continue their search for the second suspect the girl's family wants answers.

Police say shortly after three in the afternoon, two men started shooting at each other as they ran down the street. Unfortunately a young girl ended up getting caught in the crossfire. Investigators aren't sure what led up to the shooting, or which one of the men fired the fatal bullet. At this time police are not releasing the names of the suspects. However, we do know one of the shooters was treated at Metro Health Medical Center for a gunshot wound to the back. Police are still searching for the second suspect who authorities say fled the scene in a green Mitsubishi Mirage.

**Additional reports**

News	September 1, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:25	Local
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News September 2, 2007 6:00PM TRT 3:00 Local  
 Outrage and sorrow still grip a Cleveland neighborhood as police are still seeking a second man involved in a shooting that left an innocent young girl dead. People gathered here for a support rally this afternoon. A march started at Cookie Thomas' house and ended up at the murder scene.

**Additional reports**

News	September 2, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:35	Local
News	September 3, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	September 3, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	September 3, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 3, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 3, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local

News	September 3, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 3, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 3, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 3, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:49	Local

News September 3, 2007 10:00PM TRT 3:38 Local  
 A community continues to look for answers as police search for the gunman responsible for killing a 12-year-old girl. Investigators say two men are to blame for what happened. One of them was wounded in the shoot out and is in fair condition. Cleveland police believe at least 14 shots were fired in a gun battle between two men on Francis Avenue in the city's Slavic Village neighborhood. 12-year-old Asteve Cookie Thomas was killed in the crossfire. Ironically, Cookie's father knew one of the gunmen, 20-year-old James Yhonquea, and ran to his side after Yhonquea was shot, not realizing his own daughter had been mortally wounded.

Cleveland police have now launched a man hunt for the other gunman, 35-year-old Eric Romel Wilson, known as Big Willie. Fox 8 has learned that Eric Wilson never should have been out on the streets. The owner of a Cleveland bonding company says the courts gave Wilson a free pass even though he was accused of a number of serious crimes Robert Szymanski/Bonding Company Owner "We got him out of jail approximately three years ago for weapons under disability, drug offenses and everything. We chased this guy all over this country, finally found him, threw him back in jail. The judge gave him a personal bond of \$1500. The original bond was \$10,000. Weapons under disability carry mandatory jail time." Eric Wilson was free to shoot up a neighborhood and play a role in the murder of Cookie Thomas because once he got out on bond he never came back to court and had been a wanted man for the past three years.

The death of Cookie Thomas is raising tough questions about police protection in the city's poorest neighborhoods, and Mayor Frank Jackson's strategy for combating crime. The mayor places some of the blame for lawlessness on the state of Ohio.

A memorial fund in the name of Cookie Thomas has now been set up. Donations can be made at any National City Bank. Funeral arrangements are pending. Cookie was a student at the Cleveland School of the Arts and we are told grief counselors will be at the school on Tuesday to provide comfort for her classmates.

#### Additional reports

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News	September 3, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 6:07	Local
News	September 4, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 4, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	September 4, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 3:08	Local
News	September 4, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 4, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:48	Local

News September 4, 2007 6:00PM TRT 4:25 Local  
 Cookie Thomas' family will receive mourners at the William Gaines Funeral Home on Union Avenue on Thursday. Calling hours are 9am until 9 pm. A wake will precede her funeral Friday morning from 10 to 11. And the funeral is set to begin at 11am Friday at Mount Sinai Baptist Church at 7510 Woodland Avenue. To get this information again and also find out how you can donate to Cookies family to help with funeral expenses, go to [Myfoxcleveland.com](http://Myfoxcleveland.com).

Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, Eric Wilson, the suspect who is still on the run, placed a phone call to the Fox 8 newsroom. We recorded that phone conversation but FCC regulations won't allow us to air the call without permission from Mr. Wilson. We can however share with you what he told us about the shooting. During the call Wilson said "I know the little girl who got killed. I know one of her family members. She was a good friend of mine. I wanted to let her family know that I am very very sorry about what happened, and in no way at all did I mean for that to happen. Wilson went on to describe what happened. "A guy opened my car door and put a gun to my head and made me empty my pockets. When the guy took off, I took off after him. All I wanted was my property back." Mr. Wilson ended the phone call to our newsroom by saying, "I send out my deepest sympathy, I didn't ask the guy to rob me. All I can say is I apologize, which means nothing. I cannot bring back a life. I very much apologize for what took place. I did not try to do anything that was wrong."

Wilson told us he fears for his own safety if he turns himself into police. Tonight the manhunt continues to bring him into custody. You can listen to Mr. Wilson's call on our website. Go to [Myfoxcleveland.com](http://Myfoxcleveland.com) to hear the call in its entirety.

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News	September 5, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 3:34	Local
News	September 5, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:20	Local
News	September 5, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:14	Local
News	September 5, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:32	Local
News	September 5, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:38	Local
News	September 6, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 1:15	Local
News	September 6, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 3:06	Local
News	September 6, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:05	Local
News	September 6, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:15	Local

News September 6, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:15 Local  
Today people have started saying their last goodbyes to a Cleveland girl shot and killed while walking from the store. Walking inside and seeing 12 year old Cookie resting peacefully in a casket has been overwhelming for so many people. Back in the neighborhood where she was shot people continue to post words of comfort and drop off teddy bears.

#### Additional reports

News	September 6, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:05	Local
News	September 6, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 3:30	Local
News	September 6, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	September 7, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:15	Local

News September 6, 2007 10:00PM TRT 3:00 Local  
On the day she mourns, her daughter's loss, Cookie's mother is outraged over a political cartoon depicting her daughter. Tonight, Cookie's mom talks exclusively to Fox 8 and tells us what she thinks of someone turning her daughter's murder into a political cartoon.

The cartoon shows a bug eyed young African American girl, with bows in her hair wearing a backpack, and much more. The young girl in the cartoon is also wearing a sign that reads "Don't shoot. I'm a friend of a friend of a friend of Mayor Jackson's Daughter." Cookie's mother grew up with Frank Jackson's daughter. Some critics at the Plain Dealer have accused Jackson of taking a more active role in Cookie's death because he knows the family.

Plain Dealer editorial page director Brent Larkin gave us the proofs for Friday's editorial page. You will see several letters to the editor outraged over the cartoon and a small editor's note. So far, no one from the Plain Dealer has called to apologize for the cartoon, even though Cookie's mother left several messages for the artist who drew the cartoon. If you would like to get a look at the proof for tomorrow's Plain Dealer, you can log onto our web site, at [myfoxcleveland.com](http://myfoxcleveland.com).

#### Additional reports

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News	September 7, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	September 7, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:25	Local
News	September 7, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	September 7, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	September 7, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:38	Local
News	September 7, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:00	Local

News September 7, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:30 Local  
In an emotional ceremony 12 year old Asteve Cookie Thomas was laid to rest. It was only fitting that her classmates were there to sing at her funeral. But singing on a day like this, wasn't easy for these students. The emotion was so raw. Knowing that she was killed while two men with police records were in a shootout was too much for many people.

Cookie's family is now left to mourn. Her sisters say this day could have been a little easier if the other man accused in Cookie's shooting would have turned himself in. The man known on the street as Big Willie is still on this loose.

#### Additional reports

News	September 7, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 3:02	Local
News	September 7, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:24	Local

News	September 10, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:25	Local
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Bounty hunters and bondsmen stage a protest. They are blasting a system that let one of the accused shooters of 12 year old Cookie Thomas be on the streets. Eric Wilson, known as Big Willie is still on the run. Bail agents say the fact that he was on the streets at all is part of a trend that's gone dangerously wrong.

A judge sets bond for anyone accused of a crime. But in a growing number of cases, judges let even violent offenders walk free on just 10% of the full bail set or on a personal promise to come back to court for hearings. These bounty hunters and bondsmen say that's just plain nuts. Cleveland police asked for and Judge Tim McGinty agreed to let him out on a personal bond. Despite his history of vanishing, detectives took up his offer to be an informant. He double crossed the cops and was on the lam when involved in a shootout that left 12 year old Cookie Thomas dead.

The bondsman who caught Big Willie once before says he doubts the fugitive is still in town. But with a bond bounty hunters say they are motivated to help police lock him away. The bail agents say they plan to formally ask local judges to stop using personal bonds for anyone with a history of failure to appear in court.

#### Additional reports

News	September 10, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:00	Local
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News	September 11, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
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We begin tonight with breaking news after police confirm they've arrested the man wanted for his involvement in the shooting death of 12-year-old Cookie Thomas. Eric Big Willie Wilson was arrested today in the north western part of Montana. No other details are being made available.

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News	September 12, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	September 12, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	September 12, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 12, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 12, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	September 12, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
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News	September 12, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 2:40	Local
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Eric Wilson was captured in Montana with a brand new look after ten days on the run. If and when Wilson does come back to Cleveland, the Justice Center will be his new home while he waits to face full justice for the senseless killing of 12 year old Cookie Thomas. Six states over, on a remote Indian reservation road in Montana, Wilson was pulled over driving a van with a temporary Ohio license plate. But that alias belonged to a wanted man in Iowa. Police tried stopping Wilson a second time but this time they had to chase him. Wilson hit the sticks and collided with two other vehicles. Eric Wilson may have an extradition hearing today or tomorrow. He has two options. He can fight extradition or just come back.

#### Additional reports

News	September 12, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:25	Local
News	September 12, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:48	Local
News	September 12, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:06	Local
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News	September 13, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	September 13, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 13, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:30	Local



News	September 13, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	September 13, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	September 13, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:35	Local
News	September 13, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:20	Local

News September 13, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:54 Local  
 The parents of 12 year old Cookie Thomas, and a handful of community leaders, including Stan Miller of the NAACP, had a very frank meeting with the Plain Dealer's editor this afternoon. While they say some progress was made, Cookie's parents say they didn't feel any better after the meeting.

The cartoon shows a bug eyed, young African American girl holding a sign that reads "Don't shoot. I'm a friend of a friend of a friend of Mayor Jackson's daughter." Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson's daughter grew up with Cookie's mother, and some critics accused the mayor of taking a more active role in this death because he knows the family. Cookie's mom called the Plain Dealer dozens of times after she saw the cartoon and says she got no response until Thursday.

Stan Miller of the NAACP thinks the meeting was productive and hopes that the paper will make some changes so a cartoon like this never gets published again. The paper did issue a small apology in last Friday's paper, stating they regretted any pain the cartoon caused in the community. According to those at Thursday's meeting, the paper may publish another apology. Cookie's parents hope that something positive comes out of all of this.

Additional reports

News	September 14, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 14, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	September 14, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:46	Local

## LOCAL SUBURB BUDGET

### Issue: East Cleveland Sink Hole

News	August 7, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
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A massive sink hole has opened up in a local man's backyard. Charles Roscoe says he discovered this humongous crater in his East Cleveland backyard around 10:00am this morning. The Taylor Road sink hole measures at least 30-feet across and is at least 20-feet deep. Roscoe says additional cave-in's have filled in the hole somewhat, and he's concerned for his safety.

Eric Brewer, East Cleveland Mayor said "The City of East Cleveland recognizes that this is private property, but we are asking the county engineer in the morning to come out and take a look at it." The big question the mayor wants answered is where did all that dirt go?

Additional reports

News	August 8, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:41	Local
News	August 8, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 8, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local

News	August 8, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:59	Local
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Despite the sudden appearance of a huge sink hole in his backyard, Charles Roscoe remains as cool and collected as can be expected. Building contractor Cliff Berns is a bit more animated than Charles Roscoe. Could a storm sewer here have been so overwhelmed that it just burst causing an underground river? Berns says fill the sink hole sooner than later before the sides cave in even more. The homeowner is not so sure. "I think it is a bigger problem than getting it filled. Why get it filled if it is going to happen all over again?" The county engineer said today that before tons of dirt are dumped here, it would be a good idea to determine what the underlying problem is.

Additional reports

News	August 8, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	August 9, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 9, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 9, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local

News August 14, 2007 5:00AM TRT 2:10 Local  
 We now know what caused a huge sink hole which is threatening to swallow up an entire home. The problem remains of how to fix it. The massive crater opened up a week ago and since then the homeowners are afraid to be on their own property. Yesterday engineers figured out what the problem is. A 5-foot sewer pipe which runs through several backyards along Taylor Road is corroded. The thing is full of holes and it's swallowing up the dirt around it. Thus the giant sink hole in Charles Roscoe's backyard. The county engineer says that pipe belongs to East Cleveland so it will be that city's responsibility to fix it. They'll be out here this morning figuring out how to do that which is a big relief to Roscoe.

#### Additional reports

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News	August 14, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	August 14, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	August 14, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local

News August 14, 2007 Noon TRT 1:45 Local  
 A rusty old sewer pipe in East Cleveland is in desperate need of repair. Could it be on the verge of causing even more damage in the neighborhood? Another heavy rain and the concern is that sink hole that opened up in East Cleveland could swallow up an entire house. Charles Roscoe says after a week of staring at this thing in his backyard, he swears it's growing.

For now Charles doesn't feel safe staying here and he worries about kids in the neighborhood falling in, but there are no quick fixes here. This is a 40 or 50 year old sewer pipe. It's a long system and there aren't a lot of entrances. A crew from the county engineer's office went inside yesterday and snapped a few pictures, but they didn't get very far. It just isn't safe inside that pipe as it's all corroded. The question now is how far does the damage go and can the pipe be re-lined or does it need to be completely replaced. If that's the case, as you can see, this is very rough terrain behind these homes on Taylor Road. Getting heavy equipment in here to dig up the old pipe would be a huge project, but something needs to be done and fast. East Cleveland has hired an engineer who will send cameras down to get a better look at how bad this pipe is and how extensive the repairs will have to be.

#### Additional reports

News	August 14, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:55	Local
News	August 15, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local
News	August 15, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:57	Local

News August 15, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:19 Local  
 Each threat of rain brings more anxious moments for a family living with a giant sink hole in their back yard. When this sink hole first opened up eight days ago, it was the size of a six foot wide kids swimming pool. It is now about 40 feet wide. The homeowners are terrified more rain could make the problem worse and jeopardize their home.

The problem has been narrowed down to a broken drainage pipe. The system was built in the 1920s. As broken as the pipe is so are the city of East Cleveland's finances. Mayor Eric Brewer admits the city has no emergency funds on hand to pay for the estimated repairs. East Cleveland is working on an emergency application to the state of Ohio to fund repairs. They hoped to have their application completed by today. In the meantime, neighbors as well as the family that lives on the Taylor Road property are hoping crews begin work as soon as they can.

#### Additional reports

News	August 15, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	August 15, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	August 16, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 16, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 16, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local

News August 19, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:23 Local  
 Rainy days are a big worry for one local family. Two weeks ago a massive sink hole opened in their back yard. This is where the Roscoe family's backyard used to be. The Fire Department has been out here checking things all day, because every time it rains, this grows bigger and bigger. This pretty big problem will cost about \$315,000 to fix. What started as a 20 foot sink hole has expanded into a 40 foot crater. Engineers say a corroded sewer pipe which runs through several backyards is to blame.

Last week the city of East Cleveland submitted an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission and the State Emergency Management Agency asking them to help foot the bill. Collette Clinkscale, East Cleveland Water Dept Director says they don't have the money to make the repair. The city will still have to pay \$41,000.

In the meantime, East Cleveland is keeping a close eye on this growing sink hole. Clinkscale says while they are waiting on word from the state they are having engineers draw up the specifications. The city says soon as funding is approved, special equipment will be brought in to repair the 300 foot sewer line. Mayor Eric Brewer expects state funding to be approved in a few days. He hopes a contractor will be selected by the end of the week so repairs can begin as soon as possible.

**Additional reports**

News	August 19, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	August 20, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 20, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	August 20, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	August 20, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	August 20, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:50	Local

News August 20, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:34 Local  
 Today's rains couldn't come at a worse time for the Roscoe family who are still dealing with a huge 40-foot sink hole in their backyard. Today's rains are definitely complicating matters in East Cleveland. Every few minutes you see pieces of dirt chipping away. The big question is when will this be fixed? You can't help but wonder if the longer this goes unfixed, how much worse it could get? And will the cost to fix it keep going up? We tried getting in touch with Mayor Brewer to ask him but he did not return our phone calls today.

News August 22, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:34 Local  
 Tonight East Cleveland city leaders have a plan to fix the sink hole. Money from the state is going to help city leaders get it done. Collette Clinkscale, Director of Water and Sewer, says as this giant sink hole in East Cleveland gets bigger, there's the threat of even more rain.

Ohio's State Disaster Relief Plan means financial help to the tune of \$121,000. This is a small chunk of the total project. "The total project cost \$312,500 and of that EMA is paying \$121,000 and the city was advised we'll receive \$150,000 from OPWC." The government grants will save the city a lot of money. The city will pay its \$41,000 share of the project with capitol improvement funds. Hopefully this time next week we'll see contractors on the site fixing the problem.

**Additional reports**

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**BROWNS STADIUM PLUMBING**

**Issue: Browns Stadium Plumbing Failure**

News July 15, 2007 8:00AM TRT 0:40 Local  
 A break in a pipe at Browns Stadium caused a bit of a sewage problem during the Kenny Chesny concert last night. The city's water department responded to the stadium to fix the leak. When they got there they found about eight inches of water in part of the basement. Some bathrooms were flooded and firefighters had to flush out the sewage. Despite the mess, the show was not affected. Concert goers were told to use bathrooms on a different level.

**Additional reports**

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News	July 16, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:25	Local
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A water pipe busted and toilets overflowed. Toilets stopped working, and water gushed thru parts of the building. Today people with the Browns and the city are saying an eight inch water pipe busted, and because of that toilets didn't have enough pressure to operate. A ticket tailgate Friday night is canceled as well as family night August 3 where fans can watch a Browns practice.

Lewis Merletti, Browns Vice President: "My understanding is that pipe was going to break whether we were in the stadium or not. Unfortunately it happened while it was occupied but to some degree at least we knew something was going on rather than find out a day or so later." 16 locker rooms suffered some water damage. Clean-up will take a few days. The Browns expect to have repairs done in time for the first game August 11.

#### Additional reports

News	July 16, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:25	Local
News	July 16, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:15	Local
News	July 17, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	July 17, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	July 17, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 17, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 17, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 17, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 17, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 17, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:35	Local
News	July 17, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:15	Local

News	July 24, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:22	Local
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There is another major development tonight regarding the flooding at Cleveland Browns Stadium. The problem is not what investigators thought it was. Crews continue to search for answers outside Browns Stadium, a race against the clock to find the cause of a leak that showered concert goers earlier this month. A concert goer said when they got back to where their seats were, they noticed a lot more water. People with brooms were pushing the water out. Also they noticed that water was coming out of the seats, the light fixtures and such. The city and the Browns were initially confident the problem was an eight inch main

Lew Merletti, Browns Senior Vice President said "We know it was a fresh water pipe that broke somewhere in the vicinity of where we are all standing now." Now the only thing they know for certain is they were wrong. Julius Ciaccia, Cleveland Public Utilities Director, says everybody thought for 99% sure that it was a water main break under the team shop and it wasn't. Ciaccia still believes the problem is within the stadium, and beyond that there are only theories. The Browns hoped to have damaged locker rooms and plumbing repaired in time for football but on Tuesday could not comment.

Ciaccia says they have some other avenues to look at and put this together in a conclusive fashion so that we can know what happened and the stadium and the Browns can operate with full knowledge when they have their first game coming up.

#### Additional reports

News	July 25, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 25, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 25, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:25	Local
News	July 25, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	July 25, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local

News	July 25, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 2:22	Local
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Tonight we give you a first hand look at damage at the Browns Stadium. There is significant damage here to areas you don't normally get to see and tonight city officials think they have finally identified the cause. Huge blowers pump hot air through a network of tubes, drying out the service level of Browns Stadium. All the while construction workers are replacing everything from the ceiling down

Bill Bonsiewicz, Browns spokesman advised "Anytime you get a situation like that my understanding is you have mold issues, mildew issues, so our feeling was to get it replaced. As you can see with that amount of water there was significant damage." This is what the Browns locker room used to look like. This is what it looks like now, two weeks before the first pre season game it is gutted to the walls. Things are nearly the same with the visitor's locker room. Food service and preparation areas too are being sanitized and tested for bacteria.

Flooding during a Kenny Chesney concert on the 14th sent thousands of gallons of water a minute streaming in to the bowels of the stadium. The city's public utility director now believes the problem was with hundreds of toilet fixtures called flushometers. Many of the 1500 flushometers in the system did not seal and water was running directly into the sewer system. About 5,000 gallons a minute went into a system designed to accept less than half of that. What caused the flushometers to fail? Iron from old pipes in the water supply. The Browns are replacing these flushometers with a newer technology, one that is not going to be as sensitive to those types of events. The Browns say the stadium will be ready for football.

It's clear this is going to carry a huge repair bill. Who's paying that still isn't clear. The Browns are issuing the work orders, but the city owns the stadium. They say they'll haggle over the bills later.

#### Additional reports

News	July 25, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:20	Local
News	July 25, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:59	Local
News	July 26, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	July 26, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	July 26, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 26, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 26, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 26, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	July 26, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:50	Local
News	July 26, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	July 26, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:00	Local

News	August 8, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:39	Local
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It's been nearly a month, since Cleveland Browns Stadium was flooded by overflowing toilets, and everyone is wondering, if the stadium will be ready for the pre-season opener. The city of Cleveland ran a test of the plumbing. We are told everything came out fine, and the stadium will be ready.

Work crews get the field at Cleveland Browns Stadium ready for Saturday's pre-season opener. Much more important work is taking place in the public facilities at the stadium, the testing of the toilets. The toilets failed miserably the last time the stadium was used for a July 14 Kenny Chesney concert. Valves on the toilets did not close properly, flooding the stadium with 50,000 gallons of sewage. On Wednesday 300 people took part in a demonstration of the newly repaired toilets.

Damage done to the stadium by the flood of sewage is estimated at one million dollars. The city of Cleveland owns the stadium and leases it to the Browns, but one councilman says the team should pay the bill. Another councilman says the contractors who installed the toilets should get the bill. The issue could end up in court. The real test of the toilets will come on Saturday when the Browns play the Kansas City Chiefs.

#### Additional reports

News	August 9, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	August 9, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	August 9, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:56	Local
News	August 9, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	August 9, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	August 9, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	August 9, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	August 9, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	August 9, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:35	Local

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public service announcements were aired for the organizations listed below during the third quarter of 2007.

AA – We Know  
AARP  
Ad Council – Various  
Adoption  
Air Force 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
American Dental Assoc.  
Aslha Rock n Roll  
Autism – Various  
Being A Pet  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
Bill Martin Golf  
Blind Date Dogs  
Buckle Up Car  
Bully Prevention  
Champs  
Chefs Auction  
Classroom Honesty  
Cruelty Not Cool  
Dental Health  
Depression  
Diabetes Then & Now  
EPA – Little Flower  
Energy  
Every Child by Two  
Flood – Global Warming  
For Every Baby  
Forces of Nature  
Foreclosure Prevention  
Four Nine  
FOX Kaiser  
FOX Ovarian Cancer  
FOX V Chip  
FOX TV Ratings  
Garfield on Writing

Guide Dog  
Habitat Build It  
Here Kitty Kitty  
Inhaler Wrestling  
MS Movement  
Marines  
Matchsticks  
Missing Children  
My Wonderful World  
National Guard Reflections  
Nature Con  
Nature Explore  
OAB – No match  
Ocean Aware  
PETA  
Poverty Line  
Precious Cargo  
Recovery Celebrate  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
Replant Forests  
Runaway Switchboard  
Shriners  
Smart Seats  
Stroke Awareness  
Thomas Johnnie  
Thyroid  
Tree Polio  
USO Little Things  
UNICEF Child Survival  
Viva La Salsa  
Wetlands  
Wounded Warrior

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROJECTS**  
**July-August-September 2007**

**MALONE CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC (Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc.)**

Monday, July 23

FOX 8 sponsored the Malone Celebrity Golf Classic July 23 at Quail Hollow. Organized by WMJI personality Jimmy Malone, the golf tournament benefits Cleveland Scholarship Programs, Inc., which provides college scholarships to students in the Greater Cleveland area. FOX 8 produced and aired a :20 and :10 PSA, which asked for sponsorships and donations in addition to promotion on the website. FOX 8 personalities also participated in the tournament, and News ran a story about the event day of.

**CINEMA AT THE SQUARE (Playhouse Square)**

Thursdays-Sundays throughout the month of August

FOX 8 sponsored Cinema at the Square throughout the month of August. Three :30 PSAs were produced to promote the event each week. A :10 PSA was also produced which aired throughout the month of August in addition to coverage on the FOX 8 website.

**ANNUAL CANINE FUN DAYS AND GREYHOUND REUNION**

Saturday, August 18 & Sunday, August 19

FOX 8 sponsored the Annual Canine Fun Days and Greyhound Reunion at Cleveland Metroparks Polo Field in Moreland Hills. Kenny Crumpton made an appearance at the event in addition to day-of news coverage. A :10 and :20 PSA was produced to promote the event as well as coverage on the FOX 8 website.

**CHARTER ONE CHAMPION'S IN ACTION (Third Quarter Winner – Cleveland Public Theater)**

July – September 2007

FOX 8 & Charter One teamed up to create the Champions In Action program, designed to provide financial support and public awareness to the non-profit organizations that work to champion change in our communities. The winner for the third quarter was Cleveland Public Theater. FOX 8 lent its support in the following ways

- produced and aired :20 PSA's to telling people about this organization
- Aired a story on the organization and the work that they do in our community in our evening news
- Provided children in their STEP program with a tour of FOX 8 as well as a question & answer session with FOX 8 anchors, Bill Martin & Stacy Bell

**STUFF THE BUS PROJECT**

Thursday, August 2nd -- from 5am until 7:30pm

Our FOX 8 summer project collected school supplies for Cleveland and East Cleveland students with help from the Kids In Need Foundation and InkStop. Two school busses were filled with school supplies donated by viewers and local businesses. The supplies were unloaded at the Kids In Need Warehouse in Cleveland where the supplies will be organized. Teachers from Cleveland and East Cleveland schools will be able to go to the warehouse and get school supplies for students for free.